



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Yoshinari IWATA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2855
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Application No.: 10/694,950) Examiner: E. S. McCall
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Filed: October 29, 2003)
) Confirmation No.: 6160
For: EXHAUST TREATMENT)
APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated January 6, 2005, the period for response having been extended through March 6, 2005, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I - claims 1-13, drawn to an exhaust treatment apparatus and Group II - claims 14-19, drawn to an exhaust treatment apparatus with a masking section provided on an arm and a masking section actuator coupling the masking section to the arm. Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to an exhaust treatment apparatus.

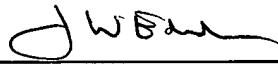
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.



Dated: March 2, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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